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## 1. HQs of the Soviet Forces (believed to be accurate):

Army Group in Germany	-	Marshal Sokolovsky
Northern Army Group	-	Berlin
Southern Army Group	-	Marshal Rokossovsky
		Liegnitz
		Marshal Tolbukhin
		Area Constanza

## 2. Situation of Soviet Forces in the Various Countries:

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The record below includes the disposition of HQs and formations

## a. Germany

i. It seems that, after a temporary reduction of Soviet troops in winter 1945/1946, some new Soviet troops came to Germany during the spring, considerably increasing their previous strength.

ii. At present the "Army Group in Germany" consists of about 60 Infantry Divs. and 25 Armored (Tank) Brigades, as follows:

1st, 3rd and 5th Assault (shock) Army;  
1st and 2nd Armored (Tank) Army;  
Elements of 2nd Assault (shock) Army;

Troops transferred from Poland and the USSR in May 1946, numerical strength unknown, probably elements of a new Army, number of which has not been ascertained;

Troops transferred in May 1946 from Austria to the area of Wittenberg-Torgau and other areas not identified.

They are nearly all first-class troops, young soldiers of recently-trained military classes, of good appearance and discipline.

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iii. The general characteristic of the disposition of Soviet forces in Germany is their concentration towards the west on the demarcation line of occupation. Taking the river Elbe as a base, most of the Soviet forces are located along the river.

iv. During winter and spring the artillery, anti-tank, and tank equipment was replaced by new types. In general the armored (Tank) units received equipment of Soviet manufacture.

In the same period, it is confirmed that a number of ammunition trains or convoys passed through Poland to Germany. 50X1-HUM

b. Poland: (Within the present frontiers, i.e., up to the Curzon Line)

i. Soviet troops in Poland belong to a so-called "Northern Army Group" under the command of Marshal Rokossovsky at Lignica (Liegnitz). the Soviet forces stationed in Baltic countries and Soviet Prussia belong to the same Group. 50X1-HUM

ii. There is no change in the number of the Soviet troops in Poland, despite many movements and replacements. There are now 23-25 Infantry Divisions and 3 Armored (Tank) Corps organized into about 3 armies and one Armored (Tank) Army, as follows:

70th Army in Pomerania plus an Armored (Tank) Corps;  
43rd Army in East Prussia plus an Armored (Tank) Corps. (HQ of 43rd Army is stationed at Szczecinek (Neustettin) in Pomerania; it is possible that near II and III echelons of the HQ of Marshal Sokolovsky are there also.) 50X1-HUM  
52nd Army in Silesia plus an Armored (Tank) Corps;  
Several divisions dispersed in the area of Bialystok, Biala Podlaska, Kzeszow, Kielce, and Posen;  
Smaller garrisons are in the center of the country.

iii. As compared with Soviet troops in Germany, the Soviet troops in Poland are second-class; no Guards or Assault (shock) troops and only small-sized Armored (Tank) units. Soldiers are often old, tanks are of American or even German origin, horses are used for wheeled transport, etc.

iv. The Soviet Forces in Poland are mainly concentrated in the newly-annexed parts (whole Polish coast and Silesia). In these areas, there are 18 of the Infantry Divisions and all Armored (Tank) Corps.

v. Dispositions in East Prussia are unknown. In Pomerania Soviet troops are located along the coast and western frontier; in Silesia, along the Czechoslovakian frontier and in mines and industrial centers.

vi. The Soviet troops in Poland are on the main lines of communication which meet in Berlin, and they can, if required, move into northern or central Germany easily.

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c. Austria:

i. Due to recent moves, a completely clear picture of the Soviet Forces in Austria cannot be given. There are 7 Infantry Divisions in southern and northern areas of occupation zone and Armored (Tank) units organized in about 4 Armored (Tank) brigades concentrated near Linz. Most of the Soviet units in Austria belong to Guards formations.

ii. In the period of movements which lasted from the end of May to the beginning of June about 3 Armored (Tank) Corps and 6 Infantry Divisions were moved from Austria to Germany and about 3 Infantry Divisions were sent to Hungary.

d. Hungary:

The main Soviet Forces (4 Guards Army) are on the western bank of the Danube. There are also some groups in areas north of Budapest, Pusta (south of town of Kecskemet), and Szeget; a total of about 18 Infantry and Artillery formations, 3 Armored (Tank) Brigades, mostly Guards.

e. Bulgaria:

The main Soviet Forces are in the valley of the Maritsa river in the eastern part of Bulgaria and on the coast of the Black Sea. Altogether about 16 Infantry, Artillery, and Air Force formations and 9 Armored (Tank) brigades. There are no Guards units. A large number of tank units relative to the Infantry.

f. Rumania:

There are about 5 Armies, of which the presence of the 17th Airborne Army should be noted. The total is about 32 Infantry Divisions and 6 Armored (Tank) Brigades. No fresh information about Soviet Air Force in Rumania.

g. Summary:

i. Referring to the whole Baltic-Black Sea line, the strongest concentration of the Soviet Forces is on the flanks, i.e., Germany and Bulgaria; both flanks are strongly equipped with Armored (Tank) units.

ii. Major movements have been noticed in Germany and Austria and much smaller ones in Poland and Hungary.

iii. Czechoslovakia forms a gap in the line of the Soviet forces which could be closed through Silesia and Moravia, but there are no signs, as yet, of such a move.

iv. The total Soviet Forces in the above-mentioned areas probably consist of about 150 Infantry formations and 56 Armored (Tank) brigades.

v. The ratio of Infantry formations to Armored (Tank) units is equal to about 3 to 1.

vi. It is noteworthy that there is a large number of higher HQs; not all are yet identified, and some of them are shown as Group formations, as follows:

13 Armies (Confirmed); 4 Armies (Probable); 3 Armored (Tank) Armies (Confirmed); 2 Armored (Tank) Armies (Probable), giving a total of 16 Army HQs confirmed and 6 probable.

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